

ARBITRATION

Agreement and exchange of notes signed at Washington November 26, 1923, extending convention of April 4, 1908

Senate advice and consent to ratification December 18, 1923

Ratified by Norway January 11, 1924

Ratified by the President of the United States January 25, 1924

Ratifications exchanged at Washington March 8, 1924

Entered into force March 8, 1924

Proclaimed by the President of the United States March 12, 1924

Expired June 24, 1928

43 Stat. 1746; Treaty Series 680

AGREEMENT

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway, desiring to extend for another five years the period during which the Arbitration Convention concluded between them on April 4, 1908,¹ and extended by the Agreement concluded between the two Governments on June 16, 1913,² and further extended by the Agreement concluded between the two Governments on March 30, 1918,³ shall remain in force, have respectively authorized the undersigned, to wit: Charles Evans Hughes, Secretary of State of the United States of America, and Mr. Helmer H. Bryn, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Norway in the United States, to conclude the following Agreement:

ARTICLE I

The Convention of Arbitration of April 4, 1908, between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway, the duration of which by Article IV thereof was fixed at a period of five years from the date of the exchange of ratifications, which period, by the Agreement of June 16, 1913, between the two Governments was extended for five years from June 24, 1913, and was extended by the Agreement between them of March 30, 1918, for the further period of five years from

¹ TS 499, *ante*, p. 452.

² TS 589, *ante*, p. 454.

³ TS 632, *ante*, p. 461.

June 24, 1918, is hereby extended and continued in force for the further period of five years from June 24, 1923.

ARTICLE II

The present Agreement shall be ratified by the President of the United States of America, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof, and by His Majesty the King of Norway, and it shall become effective upon the date of the exchange of ratifications, which shall take place at Washington as soon as possible.

DONE in duplicate in the English and Norwegian languages at Washington this 26th day of November, 1923.

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| CHARLES EVANS HUGHES | [SEAL] |
| HELMER H. BRYN | [SEAL] |

EXCHANGE OF NOTES

The Secretary of State to the Norwegian Minister

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON, *November 26, 1923*

SIR:

In connection with the signing today of an agreement for the renewal of the Convention of Arbitration concluded between the United States and the Government of Norway, April 4, 1908, and renewed from time to time, I have the honor, in pursuance of our informal conversations, to state the following understanding which I shall be glad to have you confirm on behalf of your Government.

On February 24 last the President proposed to the Senate that it consent under certain stated conditions to the adhesion by the United States to the Protocol of December 16, 1920, under which the Permanent Court of International Justice has been created at The Hague. As the Senate does not convene in its regular session until December next, action upon this proposal will necessarily be delayed. In the event that the Senate gives its assent to the proposal, I understand that the Government of Norway will not be averse to considering a modification of the Convention of Arbitration which we are renewing, or the making of a separate agreement, providing for the reference of disputes mentioned in the Convention to the Permanent Court of International Justice.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

CHARLES E. HUGHES

Mr. H. H. BRYN,
Minister of Norway.

The Norwegian Minister to the Secretary of State

WASHINGTON, D.C., November 26, 1923

SIR:

With reference to the note which Your Excellency has been good enough to address me today in connection with the signing of an agreement for the renewal of the Convention of Arbitration concluded between Norway and the United States, April 4, 1908, and renewed from time to time, I have the honor to state that I have been authorized to confirm, and I hereby do confirm that, in the event that the Senate gives its assent to the proposal made to it by the President of the United States that it consent under certain stated conditions to the adhesion by the United States to the Protocol of December 16, 1920, under which the Permanent Court of International Justice has been created at The Hague, the Government of Norway will not be averse to considering a modification of the Convention of Arbitration which we are renewing, or the making of a separate agreement, providing for the reference of disputes mentioned in the Convention to the Permanent Court of International Justice.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

HELMER H. BRYN

His Excellency

Honorable CHARLES E. HUGHES,

*Secretary of State,**etc. etc. etc.*